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Fraud Suspects in Michaels Skimming Scam

February 2011 through early May 2011, many Michaels craft store companies were hard hit by fraudulent activity which compromised thousands of customers debit and credit cards. The cards were skimmed at various Michaels' locations throughout the United States, then counterfeited and used at numerous bank ATM's enabling suspects to withdraw money from innocent victim's bank accounts.

The Beaverton Police Department has taken approximately 50 fraud cases in relation to the Michaels skimming incidents. While these cases are being handled on a federal basis, Beaverton detectives are working with Federal investigators to help aid in the capture of these suspects.

The suspects involved in these fraudulent crimes are from a larger organization which allows multiple crews to work numerous areas and move around quickly.

In Beaverton, US Bank and other local banks have assisted investigators, specifically furnishing still photograph of suspects. Beaverton detectives are asking the public's help in identifying these subjects.

Anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of any of these suspects is asked to call Detective Alara Deland at 503-526-2283.

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